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Missing Hiker in Kings Canyon National Park

Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks, CA – On Tuesday, August 19, Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks' staff, in cooperation with Yosemite National Park (Yosemite Search and Rescue and its canine team—YODOGs) and the California Highway Patrol, searched for missing hiker Gregory Muck in Kings Canyon National Park. The 46-year-old male from Santa Cruz, CA, was reported overdue from a backpacking trip. *See photo and flyer.*

Missing Hiker's Itinerary:

On August 10, Muck departed alone from the Roads End area of Kings Canyon National Park. He planned to hike to Gardiner Basin via Gardiner Pass. After several days in the basin, he planned to hike out Gardiner Creek to Woods Creek and return to Roads End in Cedar Grove by August 17. On August 18, 2014, at approximately 8:00 a.m., Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks' Dispatch Office was notified of the missing hiker via a phone call from Muck's wife.

Identifying Features:

- *Height:* 6-feet-tall
- *Weight:* 160-170 lbs.
- Big beard
- Bright blue shirt
- Green wool pants
- Black boots
- *Race:* White
- *Hair Color:* Blond, *Eye Color:* Brown
- Blue bandana
- Red internal frame backpack
- Blue tarp or possible orange tent
- Fishing gear

Anyone with Possible Information--or who had been in this area of the park from August 10-17, 2014:

Please call 559-565-3118 or 888-677-2746 with your name, contact info, and additional details.

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Search Staffing:

- *August 19, 2014:* A total of 55 staff and partners searched by ground and helicopter, conducted interviews, and planned for the next day's operation.
- *August 18, 2014:* A total of 21 parks' staff searched by ground, conducted interviews, and planned for the next day's operation. In addition, parks' staff handled two other search-and-rescue incidents.

Background:

- *See flyer for basic information about the missing hiker -*
<http://www.nps.gov/seki/parknews/upload/FINAL-Missing-Person-Flyer-MUCK-updated.pdf>
- *A photograph of the missing hiker is available at -*
<http://www.nps.gov/seki/parknews/upload/PHOTO-Gregory-Muck-with-beard.jpeg>

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